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MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING

July 1, 2009

Present were Steve Peetz, Chair, Supervisor John Gaedke, Supervisor Terry Frosch, and Tim McCumber, Town Administrator & Clerk – Treasurer.

Peetz called the **TOWN BOARD MEETING** to order. McCumber confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed. The board considered approval of minutes of the town board meeting of June 3, 2009. Motion by Peetz to approve, second by Frosch. Motion passed. The board reviewed the financial reports and approval of bills. Motion by Peetz to approve, second Gaedke. Motion passed. Under **PUBLIC COMMENT**, Richard Grant commented that he supports the recommendation to approve the zoning amendments that are proposed. There was no **CORRESPONDENCE**, there was a notice from the Sauk County Sheriff regarding the use of fireworks and a letter from the Dept. of Natural Resources re: Gypsy Moth reporting. Under **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**, Peetz reported the mowing along town roads has been completed for the summer. Under **OLD BUSINESS**, the board discussed and considered possible action regarding a report of the Badger Intergovernmental Group meeting by Richard Grant related to railroad easements and utility agreements between Government Services Agency, DOT Div. of Railroads & Harbors, the US Army, and/or American Transmission Company. Richard Grant, BIG representative, seeks approval to support both agreements conditionally with conditions with the condition being the town was not given adequate notice regarding the utilities. He recommends approval of the rail agreement in that he feels we do not have any options despite the fact the agreement is very poorly written. William Wenzel of the Badger Oversight Committee spoke and said he concurs with Mr. Grant with exception of Grant's personal claims of not doing enough. Peetz felt as with any of the commissions, he appreciates the input, but believes that he as the authority from the board to act as he believes is in the best interest of the town. Under **NEW BUSINESS** the board discussed and considered possible action regarding a town acknowledgement form for a Sauk County Board of Adjustment Hearing Kevin & Michelle Statz for filling and grading in the Lakeshore Protection District of Sauk County ordinance; property located at E12526 Bay Rd; Tax Parcel 0188-00000. Motion to acknowledge the form by Peetz, second by Frosch. Motion passed. The board next discussed and considered possible action regarding the issuance of a fireworks permit for Joe Haremza, Barbara Ertel and at Summer Oaks Condo Association, and Cory Muth at Merry Mac's Campground. Motion to approve all three permits by Peetz, second by Gaedke. Motion passed. The board next discussed and considered possible action regarding a presentation by the Baraboo District Ambulance Service to provide Emergency Medical Services to the Township of Merrimac. Troy Snow of Baraboo Ambulance started the presentation. Kathy Crawford, Captain, provides paramedic services, which can provide 30 medications vs. 8 that the Sauk Prairie Ambulance can do. They can obtain lab values and diagnose heart rhythms vs. providing basic life support. 2 paramedics are on call 24 hrs; have 18 full-time employees and 20 part-time employees and 5 ambulances, 2 quick response vehicles, and ATV and 2 bicycles. They specialize in rope rescue with Merrimac Fire. They offer CPR training. They have critical care paramedic transport. They can get to the town hall in 18 minutes while Sauk would take 18 minutes. Snow manages a \$3.7 million budget and only 6% is supplemented with tax dollars. They reduced the tax levy by over 50%. The total cost is \$12,730 with no cost recovery for non-payment of bills. They noted it would be an additional \$6.50 per person over what the town currently pays. Peetz would like a presentation from Sauk Prairie and Merrimac Fire. Motion to by Peetz to table for more information, second Gaedke. Motion passed. The board next discussed and considered possible action regarding recommend an amendment to the Town of Merrimac Planning & Zoning Ordinance Chapter 6 Agriculture Conservation District regarding the siting of structures, driveways, and forest protection. Motion to adopt by Peetz, second by Frosch. Motion passed unanimously. The board next discussed and considered possible action recommend a Conditional Use Permit for an accessory structure greater than 24' x 30' x 14' on a residential property in the Agricultural Conservation District per Town Ordinance 6.02 (1)(c) and 7.02(3)(b); John & Janet Gaedke, S6310 State Hwy. 113, Tax Parcel 0286-00000. Motion to approve by Peetz, second by Frosch. Motion

passed. Gaedke abstained. The board next discussed and considered possible action to consider the adoption of a parking ordinance on town roads. Peetz recommended having Frosch work with McCumber to look into a possible ordinance. Motion to table Peetz, second Gaedke. Motion passed. The board finally discussed and considered possible action regarding a request to place a blind driveway sign on Grandview Ave. The board determined action was not necessary and requested that McCumber call the highway department to place the sign.

Motion to adjourn by Frosch to adjourn. Second Gaedke. Motion passed.

Town Officers: Steve Peetz, Chair, 493-2106; Terry Frosch, Supervisor, 493-2891; John Gaedke, 356-2301; Supervisor, 493-2891; Tim McCumber, Town Administrator and Clerk-Treasurer, 493-2588 (**please, no calls at residence except for emergencies**). Assessor: Steve Mahlik, Equity Appraisal, LLC, 608/826-0009. Email address: townmerr@merr.com. Building permits are required in the Town of Merrimac. Contact Tim McCumber for permits and zoning regulations (tnadmin@merr.com). Town website: <http://www.tn.Merrimac.wi.gov>. Special Garbage Collection requests to Peterson Sanitation: 608/524-6603.